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SUBJECT: SUBJECT: NIGERIA REQUESTS U.S. TO DELAY

RECOGNITION OF RAVALOMANANA UNTIL AFTER OAU/AU MEETING

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1.(C) National Security Advisor Aliyu Mohammed June 25 requested the U.S. to delay acceptance of Ravalomanana's accession until after the OAU/AU Durban convention in early July. Aliyu said that, knowing the views of the U.S. and most Western countries would help the OAU reach a decision favorable to Ravalomanana. But announcements by the U.S. and others that appear to pre-empt the OAU/AU would create difficulties.

ANDREWS